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## Mandatory Antiterrorism Brief

Antiterrorism training will air on channel 8 throughout the day starting at 9 a.m. This is mandatory for all hands. Departmental training officers should document training in RADM.

# President Honors Veterans, Families at USS Intrepid Ceremony

By Linda D. Kozaryn

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 11, 2008 – On his last Veterans Day as commander in chief, President Bush paid tribute to all those who have worn the uniform of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard during a speech at the USS Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum in New York City.

"Today we send a clear message to all who have worn the uniform: Thank you for your courage, thank you for your sacrifice, and thank you for standing up when your nation needed you most," he told the crowd of about 5,000, which included 2,500 veterans and about 500 members of the active military.

Like the many veterans who have served in the military, Bush noted that the Intrepid has also served the nation well. Launched on April 26, 1943, and commissioned on Aug. 16, 1943, the Intrepid took part in the World War II invasion of the Marshall Islands and played a key role in the amphibious assault on Okinawa and the Battles of Leyte Gulf.

Following the war's end, the Intrepid continued to serve, Bush said.



"As the United States raced into the new frontier of space, the Intrepid stood by to retrieve astronauts returning to Earth," Bush said. "During the Cold War, she patrolled the Mediterranean and helped force the surrender of pro-Castro terrorists who had hijacked a freighter in the Caribbean, and did three tours off the waters of Vietnam."

After more than 30 years at sea, the Intrepid was decommissioned in 1974, destined to be scrapped. But thanks to the work of the Intrepid Museum Foundation, Bush said, the Intrepid moved to New York City, and "since 1982, she has been a museum that educates new generations of Americans about the high price that those

who came before them paid for their freedom."

"Even as a museum, the Intrepid still answered the call to service," the president said. On Sept. 11, 2001, following the terrorist attack on New York, the Intrepid was used as an emergency command center, with first responders launching helicopters from the decks. Bush said the ship, "which helped defeat the great totalitarian threats of the 20th century – was front and center in the opening moments of a new struggle against the forces of hatred and fear.

"The war on terror has required courage; it has required resolve equal to what previous generations of Americans

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## Sports Corner

### A Virtual Line Leads to Real Confusion

By *Richard Sandomir*

— Courtesy of the Times Digest

The red line was maladjusted, so it had to be readjusted.

The line in question was NBC's electronic approximation of the line of scrimmage — the one that Eli Manning appeared to have gone beyond before he released a 17-yard pass to Kevin Boss in the third quarter of Sunday night's Giants-Eagles game.

Those virtual lines, be they red, or yellow for a first down, are not 100 percent accurate. But it is rare that their accuracy is challenged. In this instance, the old-fashioned human eye and the sideline yardage sticks trumped computer technology.

As drawn originally, the red line was closer to the Eagles' 21 than to the 20.

It was designed to "split the center of the line where the center hikes the ball," said Fred Gaudelli, NBC's producer. Close, but not close enough. Still, the location of the line supported the penalty against Manning for crossing the line before releasing the ball.

In NBC's booth, John Madden said, "I'm sure he was across the line." Al Michaels noted that this was the first time Manning had been flagged for the line-crossing offense.

When the Giants challenged the call, Madden said, "Tom Coughlin must have looked at a different replay than we did." NBC did not make much of Manning's vehement objection to the call, voiced on the sideline to Coughlin; Manning's certainty that his right foot was still on the line led to the decision to challenge the penalty.

The call's reversal appeared to persuade Michaels, but Madden was not budging.

Mike Pereira, the league's direc-

tor of officiating, said in a telephone interview on Monday, "When the flag was thrown, I thought, Ooh, that's legit, he's beyond the line." He said that his telephone rang shortly after Coughlin threw the challenge flag, and that he and Gaudelli immediately began to talk about the need to reposition the red line.

The line was quickly redrawn electronically, and instead of looking 40 percent of the way between the 21 and 20, it was 75 percent there, enough to vindicate Manning.

"I said, 'Move the line to where the nose of the ball is,' " Gaudelli said he told an employee of Sports Media, the technology firm that creates the electronic lines.

It had been nearly 24 minutes between the original play and the redrawing of the slightly, if notably, inaccurate red line. The third quarter had moved to the fourth.

Now, Michaels said, all of Manning's right foot was on the "readjusted line."

"Yeah, on a readjusted line, I can see it now," Madden said. "I didn't see it before. Key word being 'readjusted line.' Oh yeah! Didn't look like that before."

Pereira added on Monday that "it was clearly obvious Manning wasn't beyond the correct red line," which, by the way, the N.F.L. pays no attention to when its replay booth at each stadium examines disputed plays.

Pereira said that on Monday, he sent a DVD of the game to the league's broadcasters as a reminder of where to correctly spot their electronic lines of scrimmage.

And Gaudelli said that he would frame one camera angle a game to better maintain his vigilant view of the sideline markers that denote the line of scrimmage.

## Questions of the Day



### BMR

- (1) What was the significance of the Battle of Midway?

### EAWS



- (2) How many chains are used on a initial tie down?

### ESWS



- (3) Who orders abandon ship?

## Answers

(3) The commanding officer.

(2) Four.

(1) Turning point in the Pacific during World War II.



# Vending Division: Fighting the War on Thirst

By MCSN Nathan Parde

—5 Star Staff Writer

Whether it's a chocolate snack, a soda or a pack of smokes, sometimes Sailors need to take a "fast break."

"Having a wide selection of snacks available 24/7 on the ship can help boost morale," said Storekeeper Seaman Jason Lawson of S-3 Division. "It can help determine how an individual's day plays out."

Lawson is part of a close knit team of Storekeepers who work to keep the treats readily available for IKE Sailors.

Storekeeper 3rd Class Scarlett Dahmer, another member of the vending supply team, is quick to emphasize the teamwork required by their job.

"When one of us shines, we all shine. That's why we work well together," said Dahmer.

It is that team spirit that drives the team to stock more than a hundred 24-packs of soda a day in the vending machines. This number climbs to approximately 250 cases a day when an airwing is onboard, said Dahmer.

"Our most popular drinks are Mountain Dew and Dr. Pepper, while the most popular snack items are Little Debbie products and Honey Buns," said Storekeeper Seaman Christopher



Lawson.

One hundred percent of the proceeds from vending machine purchases go to MWR, which helps finance the upcoming Christmas party, said Christopher Lawson.

"We do our best to provide a grab-and-go work center," said Dahmer. "That way, you can grab what you want and keep moving."

"We're fighting the war on thirst, one day at a time," said Christopher Lawson with a grin. "That's how we do things here in vending." ★



Top: Storekeeper Seaman Christopher Lawson and Storekeeper Seaman Troy Smith move a 24-pack of Coke from a supply room to restock vending machines. Above: Aviation Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class (AW) Gary Marion purchases a can of soda. (U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Nathan Parde)

# You Fly, I Buy: First Must be Supplied

*Store-keeper Seaman Christopher Lawson restocks IKE Sailors' most popular beverage: A 12-ounce can of Mountain Dew.*



*Store-keeper 3rd Class Scarlett Dahmer and Store-keeper Seaman Christopher Lawson break up the trash produced during a refill.*



*Storekeeper 3rd Class Jason Lawson checks stock to ensure a steady supply of snacks and sweets.*

*Store-keeper 3rd Class Scarlett Dahmer fills a row of a vending machine that contains chips, cigarettes and more.*



**Photos by Mass Communication Specialist  
Seaman Nathan Parde**



## SAILOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Culinary Specialist 2nd Class  
(SW/AW) Quincy Jones

*Supply/S-2 Division*

Culinary Specialist 2nd class (SW/AW) Quincy Jones, 28, from Trenton, N.J., joined the Navy July 25, 1998 shortly after graduating from Trenton Central High School.

Jones joined the Navy to see the world and to further his education. He plans to make the Navy a career and finish his education in business.

Aboard IKE, Jones works in the aft galley. To his fellow Sailors, Jones advises them to keep working toward their goals and to not give up.

"Don't let [bad experiences] take you down," he said. "Just go forward and do what all you can do. Strive to succeed and just keep going."

After the Navy, Jones intends to own his own business and design his own clothing line.

In his spare time, Jones likes to read and spend as much time with his family as possible.

## Honors

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brought to the fields of Europe and the deep waters of the Pacific," he said. "And I'm proud to report to my fellow citizens, our armed forces -- the armed forces of this generation -- have showed up for the fight, and America is more secure for it.

"They are representative of the finest our nation offers. And they have the support of strong and caring and loving families," he continued. "And so on this Veterans Day, not only do we honor those who have worn the uniform, those who are wearing the uniform -- we honor their families."

Bush said the nation has a moral obligation to support military families and veterans. He noted that he has worked with Congress to nearly double the funding for servicemembers and to implement recommendations to ensure "we have a mental health care system and physical health care system worthy of the sacrifice of those who have worn the uniform."

"It has been my privilege to work with the United States Congress to expand education benefits for both members of our military as well as our veterans," he said. "It has been my privilege to say loud and clear to our veterans, 'We love you, we respect you, and we thank you for serving the United States of America.'"

Five servicemembers accompanied the president to New York aboard Air Force One: Montana Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Michael Noyce-Merino, Marine Sgt. John Badon, Navy Chief Petty Officer Shenequa Cox, Coast Guard Petty Officer Chris Hutto and Air Force Senior Airman Alicia Goetschel. ★

## National News

### South Losing Its Hold on National Politics

*By Adam Nossiter*

Courtesy of the Times Digest  
VERNON, Ala. — Fear of the politician with the unusual name and look did not end with last Tuesday's vote in this rural corner of the Deep South.

What may have ended on Election Day, though, is the centrality of the South to national politics. By voting so emphatically for John McCain over Barack Obama — supporting him in some areas in even greater numbers than they did President Bush — voters from Texas to South Carolina and Kentucky may have marginalized their region for some time to come, political experts say.

The region's absence from Obama's winning formula means it "is becoming distinctly less important,"

said Wayne Parent, a political scientist at Louisiana State University. "The South has moved from being the center of the political universe to being an outside player in presidential politics."

The South is no longer a solid voting bloc. Along the Atlantic coast, parts of the "suburban South," notably Virginia and North Carolina, made history last week in breaking from their Confederate past and supporting Obama. Those states have experienced an influx of better educated and more prosperous voters, pointing them in a different political direction than states farther west, like Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi, and Appalachian sections of Kentucky and Tennessee.

Southern counties that voted more heavily Republican this year than in 2004 tended

be poorer, less educated and whiter, statistical analysis shows. Obama won in only 44 counties in the Appalachian belt, a stretch of 410 counties that runs from New York to Mississippi. Many of those counties have been less exposed to the diversity, educational achievement and economic progress experienced by more prosperous areas.

Less than a third of Southern whites voted for Obama, compared with 43 percent of whites nationally. By leaving the mainstream so decisively, the Deep South and Appalachia will no longer be able to dictate that winning

Democrats have Southern accents or adhere to centrist policies on issues like welfare and tax policy, experts say.

## *Now Playing on IKE Movies*

### Channel 5

9 a.m. *Austin Powers: Man of Mystery*  
 11 a.m. *Big Daddy*  
 1 p.m. *Eastern Promises*  
 3 p.m. *Austin Powers: Man of Mystery*  
 5 p.m. *Big Daddy*  
 7 p.m. *Training*  
 7:30 p.m. *IKE 4-1-1*  
 8:30 p.m. *Harold and Kumar go to White Castle*  
 10 p.m. *Eastern Promises*  
 12 a.m. *Austin Powers: Man of Mystery*  
 2 a.m. *Big Daddy*  
 4 a.m. *Eastern Promises*

### Channel 6

9 a.m. *Tropic Thunder*  
 11 a.m. *Kung Fu Panda*  
 1 p.m. *Mask of Zorro*  
 3 p.m. *Tropic Thunder*  
 5 p.m. *Kung Fu Panda*  
 7 p.m. *Training*  
 7:30 p.m. *IKE 4-1-1*  
 8:30 p.m. *Hellboy 2*  
 10 p.m. *Mask of Zorro*  
 12 a.m. *Hellboy 2*  
 2 a.m. *Kung Fu Panda*  
 4 a.m. *Mask of Zorro*

### Channel 7

9 a.m. *See No Evil*  
 11 a.m. *Hancock*  
 1 p.m. *Ringer*  
 3 p.m. *See No Evil*  
 5 p.m. *Hancock*  
 7 p.m. *Training*  
 7:30 p.m. *IKE 4-1-1*  
 8:30 p.m. *Semi Pro*  
 10 p.m. *Ringer*  
 12 a.m. *See No Evil*  
 2 a.m. *Hancock*  
 4 a.m. *Ringer*

## Around the World

### Taliban Is Dug In for a Hard Fight

By Jane Perlez

— Courtesy of the Times Digest

LOE SAM, Pakistan — When Pakistan's army retook this strategic stronghold from the Taliban last month, it discovered how deeply Islamic militants had encroached on — and literally dug into — Pakistani territory.

Behind mud-walled family compounds in Bajaur, a corridor to Afghanistan through Pakistan's tribal belt, Taliban insurgents created a network of tunnels to store arms and move about undetected.

Some tunnels stretched for more than half a mile and were equipped with respiratory systems so that fighters could withstand a siege. In some places, it took barrages of 500-pound bombs to break the tunnels apart.

"These were not for ordinary battle," said Maj. Gen. Tariq Khan, the commander of the Pakistan Frontier Corps, who led the army's campaign.

After three months of fighting, the Pakistan army now controls a small slice of Bajaur. It has been the army's most sustained campaign against the Taliban and its Al Qaeda backers since Pakistan allied itself with the United States in 2001.

Khan said the army would fight until it has captured all of Bajaur. He said Arabs, Uzbeks, Tajiks and Afghans, the hard core of his opponents, had enlisted young unemployed local

men who joined the militants for money and prestige.

A two-day visit to Loe Sam and Khar, the capital of Bajaur, arranged for foreign journalists by the Pakistani military, shows that Pakistan appears to have underestimated a battle-hardened opponent.

Taliban militants remain entrenched in many areas. Even along the road to Loe Sam, which the army laboriously cleared, sniper fire from militants continues.

The Pakistanis have resorted to scorched-earth tactics to push the Taliban out, which risks pushing more of their own citizens into the Taliban's embrace.

After the Frontier Corps failed to dislodge the Taliban from Loe Sam in early August, the army sent 2,400 troops there in September to take on a Taliban force that had drawn militants from across the tribal region, as well as a flow of fighters from Afghanistan.

Like all Pakistani soldiers, the troops sent here had been trained to fight in conventional warfare against India, but had barely been trained in counterinsurgency strategy and tactics.

To save Loe Sam, the army has destroyed it. The shops and homes of the 7,000 people who lived here are a heap of rubble. Scraps of bedding and broken electric fans lie strewn in the dirt. As army helicopters



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